

BOYS ADMIT THEY STOLE MULLIGAN'S HORSE.



—By a Republic Photographer.
HARRY HOOS.
Albert Merkle and Harry Hoos, 16 years old, who are prisoners at the Four Courts, admit taking a horse belonging to Frank Mulligan.

Harry Hoos of No. 237 Texas avenue and Albert Merkle of No. 236 McNair avenue, both 16 years old, are prisoners at the Four Courts, charged with horse theft. A warrant charging them with grand larceny has been issued and they admit they are guilty. The horse stolen by Hoos and Merkle bears the distinction of having had six owners in one day. The last four times the horse changed owners his value increased \$10.

The horse originally belonged to Frank Mulligan of No. 148 South Seventh street. Mulligan placed the animal in Charles Seim's pasture on Gravois avenue west of Grand avenue. On June 27 Hoos and Merkle went to Seim and said Mulligan had sent them for the horse. They were permitted to take the animal away, and at Broadway and Carroll street sold it to a man whose name they say is Peterson, for \$20. Peterson immediately sold the horse for \$30. The man who purchased it from Peterson sold it the same day for \$40, and the new owner being offered \$50 for the steed accepted it. The person who paid \$50 for the animal was willing to accept the \$50 offered by Frank Tinkvart, who has the horse. The police have been working on the case

since the horse was first taken from Seim's pasture, but have been unable to ascertain definitely the name of the man who owned the horse for such a brief period between the time it passed from Peterson's possession into that of Tinkvart.

Special Officers Kearney and Durney of the Seventh District Sunday arrested Hoos on suspicion of having stolen the horse. He was taken to the station, where he confessed and said Merkle was with him and shared the profits. Merkle was arrested and admitted his part of the theft.

PROPOSES ERECTION OF LIGHTING PLANT.

President Phillips of Board of Public Improvements Suggests City Control Operations.

WILL CONFER WITH THE MAYOR.

His Plan Is to Create a Special Fund to Defray Cost When Present Contract Expires.

An electric plant, owned and operated by the city for lighting streets, alleys, and public places, is an important project President Phillips of the Board of Public Improvements intends to carry out. Difficulties stand in the way of fulfillment, but they may be surmounted through some maneuvering.

The sensational climax of the transaction known as "the lighting scandal" in 1900 was the culmination of a series of municipal errors extending throughout at least twelve years. President Phillips has a plan whereby he expects, if accorded encouragement, to prevent similar happenings when the present street lighting contracts expire in seven years.

The plan must go into effect at once or the plant cannot be built out of the ordinary revenue of the city. Mr. Phillips suggests that a stipulated sum of money be apportioned from year to year out of the city's income and credited to a fund to be known as the "lighting plant fund." Allotments must be so made that within six years sufficient capital shall have been accumulated for constructing the plant and supplying accessories. Contracts now in force will expire in seven years. Mr. Phillips proposes that the money for building the plant be garnered in six years, thus allowing one year for getting the concern in readiness.

Will Confer With Mayor Wells. "As soon as Mayor Wells returns," said Mr. Phillips, "I shall submit the proposition to him for consideration. In my opinion the lighting problem can be solved in no other manner than by municipal ownership and management of a large electric generating plant."

"Proposals received last week for contracts to light public buildings show that there is at least a tendency among the light and power companies toward consolidation. Within a few years all these corporations may unite their interests."

"What would be the city's predicament in seven years if the municipality should have to deal with only one company, or even with several companies operating under a tacit agreement concerning rates or fields of service? It is not difficult to predict conditions that would exist without genuine competitive bidding."

"My idea is that the city should do its own lighting, that it should light not only public buildings, but streets, alleys and public places. The cost of lighting is now high, but bids may be higher in seven years; certainly indications are that advances in rates will be considerable."

"Unless the city is in a position to become a competitor, I am afraid it will be powerless to obtain low rates. The increased rates for lighting public buildings showed what may be anticipated."

Considered Good Investment.

"As compared to existing rates for street lighting, a municipal plant would be a profitable investment. The city would make money, and without engaging in commercial lighting. I shall present the plan to Mayor Wells and Comptroller Player, and

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One bottle of the Texas Wonder, Hall's Great Discovery, cures all kidney and bladder troubles, removes gravel, cures diabetes, seminal emissions, weak and lame backs, rheumatism and all irregularities of the kidneys and bladder in both men and women, regulates bladder troubles in children. If not sold by your druggist, it will be sent by mail on receipt of \$1. One small bottle is two months' treatment, and will cure any case above mentioned. Dr. E. W. Hall, sole manufacturer, P. O. Box 100, St. Louis, Mo. Send for testimonials. Sold by all druggists. Office 231 Olive St.

AMERICA AND SULTAN ARE ON BAD TERMS.

Minister Leishman Refuses to Discuss Other Matters Until Promises Are Fulfilled.

SHARP REMINDER IS EXPECTED.

State Department Is Kept Fully Informed of Progress of Affairs, but Discussion of the Situation Is Refused.

Constantinople, Aug. 18.—The non-execution by the Turkish Government of agreements reached long ago on several questions affecting the interests of American citizens has led to somewhat strained relations between the United States Legation and the Porte.

The United States Minister, John G. A. Leishman, has informed the latter that he will not discuss other matters until the terms of the settlements already agreed upon are carried out.

Diplomatic circles anticipate further delay, and that this may possibly lead to a sharp reminder from the United States.

Washington, Aug. 18.—The State Department is fully informed of the position of Minister Leishman, but neither his action nor that of the Turkish Government will be discussed.

WOMAN ATTACKED BY A HOG.

Indiana Farmer's Wife Sustained Probably Fatal Wounds.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Vincennes, Ind., Aug. 18.—In an encounter with a vicious hog this afternoon, a woman who was probably fatally wounded, was sustained by Mrs. McCallan, money, wife of a well-to-do farmer living seven miles south of this town.

Mrs. McCallan was expecting her husband home from this place and had started to the door to meet him. En route she carried a pig and was in a struggle to feed him when she was attacked by a hog.

The hog was a large one, and the woman was badly wounded. She was rescued by a neighbor and taken to a nearby house, where she is now lying.

The physician pronounces her in a critical condition.

CONVENTION IN A DEADLOCK.

Democrats at Waco Unable to Make Nomination.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Waco, Tex., Aug. 18.—The Democratic Civil Convention of the Third District Judicial Circuit of Appeals met here today, pursuant to adjournment at Austin last month. Forty ballots were taken and there was practically no change from the situation at Austin before adjournment.

Streitman leads, with eighty votes, lacking ten of nomination. Furman, Fisher, Morris and Surratt divide the balance and the combination against Streitman has become strong enough to hopelessly lock the convention.

ILLINOIS NATIONAL GUARD ORDERS.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Springfield, Ill., Aug. 18.—Orders affecting the Illinois National Guard were issued today by Adjutant General Smith, as follows:

The following election, held as required by law, is hereby confirmed: Winfield Scott Woodburn to be Second Lieutenant, Company K, Third Infantry, State Militia.

Mr. Ramsey, a prominent farmer, who lives one mile from this city, on the Illinois side of the Mississippi river, was killed by a bullet fired from a building in this city, which was owned by a man named Smith. The bullet entered his chest and he died.

Mrs. Aubuchon was the mother of twelve children, six of whom are living: Armand, Gertrude and Doris, who reside in Jefferson City; Jules Aubuchon, Grinnell, Ia.; Edward and Felix Aubuchon, Miami, Ia.; T. A. Davidson, John C. Stephens, lives at No. 421 McPherson avenue.

BOY MUTILATED BY BULLDOG.

Seven-Year-Old Indiana Lad Literally Torn to Pieces.

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One Hundred and Three at Wichita. REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Wichita, Kas., Aug. 18.—The temperature here was 112 this afternoon, but about 5 o'clock calmed down and a stiff breeze from the north is blowing to-night.

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